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DOUBLEDUCK MISSION: THERMIC CORE

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MISSION Thermic core

DOUBLEDUCK

EPISODE #1

THEY SAY THAT *NO ONE* CAN RESIST THE APPEAL OF MAGIC...

DUCKBURG THEATER of MAGIC

THE SPECTACULAR MAGICIAN RUBBIT DE ESTOVEPIPE

AND NOW, HERE EES WHAT EES GOING TO HAPPEN!

VOILÀ! THE SEÑORITA HAS DEESAPPEARED!

...BUT THIS THEATRE MAY HOLD AN *EXCEPTION!*

OOOH!

YAAAWN...

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BUT HAVE NO FEAR! I SIMPLY CLOSE THIS CABINET AGAIN AND RE-OPEN EET...

SLAM

... AND HERE SHE EES, IN FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT EESPE-CIALLY FLESH!

WHAT A GREAT FEELING! I FELT SO *LIGHT* A MINUTE AGO!

WHAT AN EXCITING SHOW! RIGHT, DONALD?

AS EXCITING AS WATCHING *PAINT* DRY OR *ICE* MELT!

YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE FAINTEST IDEA *HOW* THE MAGICIAN MADE THAT WOMAN IN THE CABINET DISAPPEAR!

NOT EXACTLY...

THE REAL MYSTERY IS HOW THAT *RATHER LARGE DUCK* MANAGED NOT TO FALL THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THE CABINET WHERE THE CHARLATAN HAD HIDDEN HER!

HIDDEN?

OF COURSE! THERE'S A SYS-TEM OF FALSE BOTTOMS, FOLDING PANELS, MIRRORS AND SO ON!

OH, RE-ALLY?

THE CONJUROR'S SKILL LIES ENTIRELY IN MAKING YOU LOOK THE WRONG WAY AT THE RIGHT MOMENT! SO WHILE HE *SETS UP* THE TRICK, YOU DON'T *SEE HIM!*

LISTEN TO YOU!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY AN EXPERT IN THE SUBJECT!

LET'S JUST SAY THAT, UNLIKE THE REST OF THE AUDIENCE, I *ALWAYS* KNOW THE RIGHT WAY TO LOOK!

ROOAARR

IT'S HARD TO... *AAAAAH!*

I-IT W-WAS TH-THIS CLOSE...

COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? NOTHING COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU!

YOU ALWAYS KNOW THE RIGHT WAY TO LOOK!

THE DISCUSSION CONTINUES...

WHAT I MEAN IS THAT I CAN ALWAYS SEE THROUGH *DIVERSIONARY TACTICS!*

AND *DOUBLE-CROSSES, TRAPS, DECEPTIONS, SUBTERFUGES...*

DID FETHRY LEND YOU HIS *THESAURUS* AGAIN?

SEE, IF FOR EXAMPLE YOU SUSPECT THAT AN *ALLIED AGENT* IS ACTUALLY A *TRAITOR*, YOU UNMASK HIM THROUGH A SIMULTANEOUS TRIPLE TRICK, YOU KNOW? TEXTBOOK STUFF!

WAIT A MINUTE...

WHERE DID YOU LEARN THOSE *TERMS?*

WH-WHAT TERMS?

ALLIED AGENT, TRIPLE TRICK...

OH, N-NOWHERE... I JUST READ THEM IN A *SPY NOVEL*, THAT'S ALL!

IN A NOVEL, EH? YOU'RE NOT TELL-ING ME THE TRUTH, DONALD DUCK!

WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING *STRANGE* FOR A WHILE! DID YOU THINK I HADN'T NOTICED? AND I BELIEVE I'VE WORKED OUT *WHY!*

ADMIT IT! YOU WENT TO SEE THE LATEST JAMES POND MOVIE WITH SOME *MINX*, DIDN'T YOU?

I DON'T... WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

THE ONLY OTHER EXPLANATION IS THAT YOU'VE BECOME A *SECRET AGENT!* WHICH, TO BE FRANK, SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY!

HEY! WHY COULDN'T I REALLY BE A SECRET AGENT WITHOUT YOU KNOWING?

WELL, YOU KNOW... SOME THINGS REQUIRE A CERTAIN *PHYSIQUE*, A CERTAIN *ATTITUDE*, A CERTAIN *LOOK!*

I BET THOSE ARE ALL *COMPLIMENTS*, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM!

OKAY, THEN LET'S DO THIS: IF YOU'RE REALLY A SECRET AGENT, ADMIT IT AND I'LL STOP PESTERING YOU WITH MY JEALOUSY!

HMM...

NO, I'M NOT A SECRET AGENT!

JUST AS I THOUGHT! NOW TELL ME THE NAME OF THE *MINX* YOU WENT TO THE MOVIES WITH!

SO WHAT DID YOU TELL HER?

JAY J
DIRECTOR

THAT I DIDN'T GO SEE ANY MOVIE WITH ANY MINX! LUCKILY I MANAGED TO CONVINCE HER!

GOOD, AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T LIE *TOO* MUCH TO HER!

MOVING ONTO MORE SERIOUS MATTERS, DID YOU FIND THE GUY WHO SHOT AT ME IN *CAIRO*?*ZZZ

NOT YET! THAT *GOMES* SEEMS TO HAVE VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!

* SEE *DOUBLEDUCK TOTAL RESET BUTTON*

WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT HE *KNOWS* WHO I AM! HE'LL HAVE WORKED OUT WHERE I LIVE...

NO! YOUR REAL IDENTITY IS SAFE!

GOMES IS A *"SLEEPER" AGENT* WHO'S UNDERGONE THE *TOTAL RESET BUTTON* MEMORY-WIPING TREATMENT!

HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T WORK FOR US NOW! SO HE CAN ONLY IDENTIFY YOU AS DOUBLEDUCK!

JAY J
DIRECTOR

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!

YES, BUT FOR ONCE IT'LL BE A *RELAXING* JOB!

I COULD USE A GOOD NAP!

IN ANY CASE, I DIDN'T CALL YOU HERE TO TALK ABOUT THAT!

A SECRET AGENT NEVER SLEEPS!

I KNOW, I KNOW... IT WAS JUST A JOKE! WHAT IS IT?

YOU'LL BE *ESCORTING* A VERY SPECIAL DELIVERY!

MEANING? I HAVE TO RIDE A *MOTORCYCLE* AHEAD OF A *TRUCK* THAT'S TRANSPORTING A *BRIDGE?*

I THOUGHT AS MUCH! PLANNING A *MISSION?*

NO TRUCK AND NO MOTORCYCLE! IT'S NOT GOING TO BE BY *ROAD!*

BY *AIR?*

NO!

THEN IT MUST BE BY *SEA!*

YES... AND *NO!*

HOW ABOUT EXPLAINING YOURSELF A BIT BETTER?

RESTRICTED ENTRY

YOU'LL BE TRAVELING *UNDER* THE SURFACE OF THE SEA!

GASP! AND WHAT'S THAT THING?

VRRRRRR

IT'S CALLED *WHITE DEEP* AND IT'S A NEXT-GENERATION *BATHYSCAPHE!* IT'S A SMALL SUBMARINE DESIGNED TO REACH THE DEEPEST DEPTHS OF THE OCEANS!

JUST HOW DEEP WOULD THAT BE?

VERY DEEP!

I THINK I'D ALMOST PREFER ESCORTING A TRUCK ON A MOTORBIKE!

WHITE DEEP IS NOT A SIMPLE SUBMARINE! IT'S SOMETHING *BETTER*, SOMETHING MORE!

MISSION TRAINING

IT'S BUILT FROM A SHAPE-MEMORY ALLOY, ONE OF THE LATEST DISCOVERIES IN MATERIALS SCIENCE!

AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

SIMPLE! IT'S A METAL ABLE TO CHANGE STRUCTURE DEPENDING ON TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE, THEN RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL SHAPE! GOT IT?

UMM... YOU LOST ME AFTER "*SIMPLE*"!

NEVER MIND, WHEN I TELL YOU WHAT WHITE DEEP WAS DESIGNED FOR, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND! SEE THE ENGINE?

LET ME GUESS: IT RUNS ON *ATOMIC* ENERGY! OR NO, ON *PLUTONIUM!*

ATOMIC ENERGY HAS BEEN *OUTDATED* FOR A WHILE! HERE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PASSIVE-INDUCTION *MAGNETIC PROPULSION!*

YOU'VE LOST ME AGAIN!

THE BATHYSCAPHE'S ENGINE DOESN'T NEED ANY KIND OF *FUEL!*

SO HOW DO YOU MAKE IT MOVE? BY *PUSHING* IT?

RIGHT, DOUBLEDUCK, YOU'VE *UNDERSTOOD* PERFECTLY!

BLINK
CLICK
THIS ENGINE EXPLOITS *UNDERWATER CURRENTS*, CHANNELING THEM AND TURNING THEM INTO KINETIC ENERGY THAT PUSHES THE BATHYSCAPHE!
SO BASICALLY... IT RUNS ON SEA WATER!
EXACTLY!
SO IF I'VE UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY, WHITE DEEP CAN REACH *ANY* DEPTH, RESIST *ANY* TEMPERATURE AND USES *NO* FUEL!
EXACTLY! AND YOU WILL BE ESCORTING IT!
WHERE, EXACTLY?
OH, NOT FAR!
TO THE NORTH POLE!
TO THE... NORTH POLE?!
DON'T PANIC, *DD!* YOUR MISSION WILL END THERE! AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE, A PLANE WILL TAKE YOU BACK HOME! SIMPLE AND PAINLESS!
AND WHAT WILL WHITE DEEP DO WHEN IT REACHES THE POLE?
NORMALLY, AN AGENT SHOULDN'T KNOW ALL THE MISSION *DETAILS*...
... BUT I IMAGINE THAT IF I DON'T TELL YOU EVERYTHING, YOU'LL KEEP *TORMENTING* ME UNTIL I GIVE IN! SO, HERE'S THE REST!
CLICK
BLINK
CLAP
CLAP
WHAT A *CONSTRUCTIVE* APPROACH! I REALLY APPRECIATE IT!

WHITE DEEP'S MISSION WILL DEPART FROM THE POLE, AND CONTINUE DOWNWARD FOR SEVERAL THOUSAND METERS!

WHITE DEEP

TO THE *BOTTOM* OF THE SEA?

TO THE *CENTER OF THE EARTH!*

GASP!

BLINK

THAT BATHYSCAPHE IS ABLE TO REACH THE BOTTOM OF THE ARCTIC OCEAN AND THEN TRAVEL FOR *6,000 KILOMETERS* THROUGH THE EARTH'S CRUST!

6,000 Km

BLINK

AN *UNDERWATER TUNNEL* STARTS THERE AND CONTINUES DOWN THROUGH THE OCEANIC CRUST, THE UPPER MANTLE, THE MANTLE, THE OUTER CORE AND FINALLY, *DOWN EVEN FURTHER,* TO THE INNER CORE!

INNER CORE

THAT'S WHERE THE PLANET'S *THERMIC CORE* IS! CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IT IS?

THE... EARTH'S *CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM?*

UMM... I THINK I'VE SAID SOMETHING REALLY STUPID!

NOT AT ALL, DD! YOU'VE PRACTICALLY *HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD!*

IMMERSION TANK

THE *OVER-HEATING* OF THE PLANET IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM!

I KNOW... IT'S ALL YOU HEAR ABOUT THESE DAYS!

WE NEED TO *CUT* POLLUTION, SO THE EARTH CAN COOL DOWN A BIT! BUT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY TO STOP THE *GLACIERS* FROM MELTING AND THE *DESERTS* FROM ADVANCING!

YOU MEAN... *LOWER* THE TEMPERATURE?

THAT'S THE IDEA! SCIENTISTS SAY THAT BY MANIPULATING THE THERMIC CORE, *IT CAN BE DONE!* OBVIOUSLY, TO BE SURE WE NEED TO GET DOWN THERE, AND UNTIL NOW THAT WASN'T POSSIBLE!

WHITE DEEP CAN MANAGE IT, BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS! TECHNOLOGY LIKE THIS COULD BE USED FOR ALL KINDS OF PURPOSES!

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE *ORGANIZATION?*

I CERTAINLY AM, DOUBLEDUCK!

SO ALL I NEED TO DO IS GET ON BOARD AND KEEP MY *EYES OPEN* UNTIL WE REACH THE POLE! I THINK I CAN MANAGE THAT! WHERE DO I LEAVE FROM?

COME, I'LL SHOW YOU!

IMMERSION TANK ROOM

K-KLAT

THIS IS WHITE DEEP'S IMMERSION POINT!

THE SUBMARINE WILL ENTER THIS *TANK*, WHICH IS CONNECTED TO A TUNNEL THAT LEADS TO THE SEA! ONCE YOU GET THERE...

... WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP GOING *STRAIGHT* FOR A FEW THOUSAND KILOMETERS AND WE'LL GET TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD!

HERE'S THE CREW YOU'LL BE TRAVELING WITH! *HAMILTON* IS THE CAPTAIN AND *FELIPE* IS HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND!

AREN'T WE A BIT OF A... *UMM*... SMALL GROUP?

IT'LL ALL BE FINE, YOU'LL SEE! BUT IN THE *UNLIKELY* CASE OF YOU BEING INTERCEPTED...

WE'VE HEARD LOTS ABOUT YOU!

AT YOUR SERVICE! HOW'S IT GOING, *DD*?

YOU'RE MORE THAN ENOUGH! THE *SECRECY* OF THE MISSION MEANS WE HAVE TO USE THE *LEAST* POSSIBLE NUMBER OF AGENTS!

... THE ORDER IS TO PUT UP THE *LEAST* AMOUNT OF RESISTANCE! YOUR SAFETY COMES BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE, GOT IT?

HUH? O-OKAY, BOSS!

I DON'T GET MISTER JAY J'S REASONING!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DOUBLE DUCK?

FIRST HE SAYS THAT IF THE ORGANIZATION GOT THEIR HANDS ON WHITE DEEP IT WOULD BE A *CATAS-TROPHE*...

... THEN HE ORDERS US *NOT* TO RESIST IF WE'RE INTERCEPTED! I DON'T UNDER-STAND!

WELL, HE JUST SAID IT BECAUSE HE'S WORRIED ABOUT US! SEEMS CLEAR TO ME!

ANYWAY, *LO-CATING* THIS SUBMARINE IS IMPOSSIBLE! IT'S *SHIELDED* A-GAINST SONAR AND HAS NO TRANSPONDER!

WE'RE MORE *IN-VISIBLE* THAN A GHOST SHIP! THE ONLY WAY TO TRACE US WOULD BE IF SOMEONE HAD SE-CRETLY INSTALLED A *SIGNALING DEVICE!*

WHICH WOULD MEAN THERE'S A *MOLE* INSIDE THE AGENCY!

AND THAT'S ALSO *IMPOSSIBLE!*

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

IMPOSSIBLE? LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENED A FEW DAYS AGO...

I TOLD YOU TO *STOP WORRYING*, EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE!

JAY J. DIRECTOR

OF COURSE I'M TALKING ON A SECURE LINE! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DEALING WITH?

SECURE LINE

I'LL INSTALL THE SIGNALER TODAY! MEANWHILE, YOU GET EVERYTHING READY LIKE I TOLD YOU!

AND REMEMBER: *NO ONE* GETS HURT!

I'LL TRY, MISTER JAY J! BUT I CAN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING!

MY *INSTINCT* TELLS ME THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE GOING ON!

MINE TELLS ME THAT I'M HUNGRY!

RELAX, DD! EVERYTHING'S FINE!

LET'S KEEP OUR EYES OPEN, GUYS! WHEN EVERYTHING IS *TOO* QUIET, IT MEANS SOMETHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

WHAT'S *THAT?*

BLINK BLI

I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE A *SPERM WHALE!*

I THINK IT'S A GIANT *SQUID!*

BUT IT'S *TOO NEAR* THE SURFACE TO BE A SPERM WHALE...

AND IT'S *FOLLOWING* US A BIT TOO CLOSELY TO BE A SQUID...

IT'S A *MOTORBOAT* AND IT'S ON OUR TAIL! INCREASE OUR SPEED!

WE'RE ALREADY AT MAXIMUM!

IT'S STILL FOLLOWING US! MAYBE THEY WANT TO ATTACK!

IF THEY WANTED TO SHOOT, THEY WOULD HAVE *ALREADY!* WHO KNOWS *HOW* THEY MANAGED TO LOCATE US!

BLINK BLINK

WE HAVE TO *SURFACE,* AND FAST!

WE'RE *IN THE MIDDLE* OF THE OCEAN, DOUBLEDUCK!

I KNOW, BUT I WANT TO CHECK WITH MY OWN EYES!

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

BLUB BLUB BLUB

UMM... THERE THEY ARE!

WHO IS IT?

YOU WANT TO WAIT AND *ASK THEM* OR WOULD YOU PREFER TO *POSTPONE* THE INTRODUCTIONS?

MAYBE WE'LL SAY HELLO LATER!

WISE DECISION!

CLUNK

IF WE TRAVEL JUST BELOW THE SURFACE WE CAN GO FASTER!

YES, BUT THAT MOTOR-BOAT WILL ALWAYS BE *FASTER* THAN US!

WE HAVE TO FIND SOMEWHERE WE CAN HIDE!

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THEY'RE NOT STOPPING!

BUT THEY'RE NOT ATTACKING US EITHER! CLEARLY THEY DON'T WANT TO *DAMAGE* THE BATHYSCAPHE!

WE HAVE TO *EXPLOIT* THAT! HAMILTON, SURFACE AND MOVE AS THOUGH WHITE DEEP WAS A MOTORBOAT TOO!

ROGER!

SURFACE NAVIGATION

THAT WAY WE'LL TRAVEL AT THE SAME SPEED AND THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CATCH US UP!

BLOUB BLOUB

TURN *RIGHT!*

VRRUUUHHRR

? ? ?

? ?

VROOUKRRR'K'K'K

AND *NOW* LEFT!

PANT... WE CAN'T KEEP DOING THESE MANEUVERS FOREVER, DOUBLEDUCK!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

HEAD FOR THAT ISLAND!

GOT IT!

VRRRR

LISTEN, IT'S COMPLETELY *POINTLESS* FOR ALL THREE OF US TO RISK OUR LIVES!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, *DD*?

SUB EQUIPMENT

PUT THESE ON, *LEAVE* THROUGH THE ESCAPE HATCH AND *TAKE SHELTER* ON THAT ISLAND!

ARE YOU JOKING? WE MIGHT BE THERE FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL *COMMUNI-CATE* YOUR POSI-TION TO THE AGENCY AND THEY'LL COME RESCUE YOU!

ESCAPE HATCH

I'LL TRY TO *SHAKE OFF* THOSE AQUATIC PESTS! DON'T WORRY, EV-ERYTHING WILL BE FINE!

AND WHAT ARE *YOU* GO-ING TO DO?

GOOD LUCK, DOUBLEDUCK!

THANKS... I HOPE I WON'T NEED IT!

RIGHT... IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO *DRIVE* THIS THING! IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE GEARS!

LET'S SEE WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN IN THE *ABYSS!*

IM RAPID MERSION

I STILL HAVEN'T WORKED OUT HOW THEY FOUND US, BUT I'LL BET THEY CAN'T FIND ME DOWN HERE, *3,500 METERS* BELOW THE SURFACE!

GULP! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! THEY'RE STILL RIGHT ABOVE ME!

BLINK BLINK

THEN I'LL GO DOWN TO 5,000 METERS! WHO KNOWS IF THEY CAN...

YES, THEY CAN SEE ME! AT THIS POINT I MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK UP!

BLINK BLINK

I KNOW THIS THING WASN'T DESIGNED TO TRAVEL LIKE THIS, BUT AT LEAST I CAN WATCH MY BACK BETTER ON THE *SURFACE!*

OUCH! TOO BAD THAT THE VIEW IN FRONT GETS WORSE!

KATA-KLANG

MOVE, DUCK!

AND GET THAT WRETCHED *RUSTBUCKET* OUT OF THE WAY, YOU'RE BLOCKING US!

EXCUSE ME... UMM... IT'S JUST THAT I WAS BEING EVER SO SLIGHTLY *FOLLOWED!*

WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR PROBLEMS! LOOK, YOU'VE MADE US *LOSE* THE WHALE!

THE WHALE?

HEY, YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO HARPOON THAT *BABY WHALE,* I HOPE!

YOU KNOW, GIVEN THAT THIS IS A WHALING SHIP AND WE'RE WHALERS, IT SEEMS LIKE QUITE A REASONABLE IDEA TO ME!

WELL, THIS SEEMS LIKE A BETTER IDEA TO ME!

SBRANG

SPL ASH

WAUGH... NOW THE WHALE HAS ESCAPED!

SPUT... BUT THAT WRETCHED DUCK WON'T GET AWAY SO EASILY! LOWER A LAUNCH!

VRRRR

VROOM

VRRRRRR

BROARRA

FANTASTIC, NOW I HAVE *TWO* BOATS AFTER ME INSTEAD OF ONE! THE SIDE-EFFECTS OF POPULARITY!

MAYBE I CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY FANS' ADORATION!

VROOM

VRRR

BROOA

YES, I'D SAY I CAN!

BOOM

CRASH

BLOUB-BLOUB

AND WHILE THE INJURED PARTIES HAVE A FRIENDLY DISCUSSION ABOUT WHO'S TO BLAME, I'LL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO *SNEAK AWAY!*

AND I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO FIND... *WHOOPS!* FORGET IT...

BLINK BLINK

... WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE SURFACE!

THEY MUST BE USING SOME KIND OF EMERGENCY TRANSPORT!

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LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE NOT GIVING UP! I'D BETTER GO BACK UNDER!

I WONDER *HOW* THEY KEEP ON FOLLOWING ME! I'M TRAVELING 3,000 METERS BELOW THE SURFACE AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IMMUNE TO SONAR!

THE ONLY POSSIBILITY IS THAT SOMEONE SECRETLY INSTALLED A SIGNALER!

JUST A MINUTE... WHAT IF THEY REALLY DID?

I'LL ACTIVATE THE *GYROSCOPIC VIDEO CAMERA* AND CHECK THE KEEL!

PLIK

BZZZ

THERE IT IS! A PIRATE TRANSPONDER STUCK ON WITH A SUCTION CUP! BUT WHO PUT IT THERE?

THAT'S A MYSTERY TO CLEAR UP LATER! NOW I HAVE TO GET RID OF THESE OVERLY AGGRESSIVE *ADMIRERS!*

I'LL *REMOVE* THE SIGNALER USING THE EXTERNAL MECHANICAL ARM AND LEAVE IT ON THE SEABED!

HEY, THERE'S MY LITTLE FRIEND! IF I CAN CALL YOU "LITTLE"...

I MIGHT HAVE JUST HAD A BETTER *IDEA*...

YOU DON'T MIND IF I *STICK* THIS GADGET HERE, DO YOU?

CLANG

BLINK BLINK

THEY'LL TAKE A NICE LITTLE OCEANIC *TOUR* BEFORE THEY REALIZE THE TRICK!

BLINK BLINK BLINK

AT THIS POINT, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THERE'S A MOLE INSIDE THE AGENCY! OR TO USE THE PROPER TERM...

A TRAITOR!

MISTER JAY J WAS CLEAR: *NO* COMMUNICATION BEFORE ARRIVAL, UNLESS THERE'S A *SERIOUS* EMERGENCY!

PROTOCOL FOR URGENT COMMUNICATIONS

WELL, *THIS* CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE A SERIOUS EMERGENCY!

CONTACT PROCEDURE

COD. 2 4

DOUBLEDUCK HERE, REGISTRATION NUMBER DD-230408! REQUESTING COMMUNICATION WITH JAY J!

COMMUNICATION UNDERWAY

AGENCY

REPEAT, THIS IS DOUBLE...

I'M LISTENING, DOUBLEDUCK! WHAT'S GOING ON?

WE'VE HAD A FEW *SMALL* HITCHES, DIRECTOR!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, LET'S SEE, WHERE DO I BEGIN? LET'S JUST SAY THAT I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN BUT I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE! THE BAD GUYS CAME AND TRIED TO ATTACK ME!

BUT NOW THEY'RE FOLLOWING A WHALE, CONVINCED IT'S THE BATHYSCAPHE!

HMM...

I GAVE YOU VERY PRECISE *INSTRUCTIONS* ABOUT THIS! IF YOU WERE INTERCEPTED, YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO RESIST!

I KNOW, BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT!

AND THOSE GUYS WERE REALLY *UNPLEASANT!* I COULDN'T JUST HAND WHITE DEEP OVER TO THEM WITHOUT GIVING THEM SOME TROUBLE!

BUT THAT'S NOT THE REAL PROBLEM!

WHAT'S THAT?

THERE'S A TRAITOR INSIDE THE AGENCY WHO STUCK A SIGNALER ONTO THE BATHY-SCAPHE! *THAT'S* HOW THEY MANAGED TO LOCATE ME!

ARE YOU *SURE* ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT!

IN ANY CASE, IF YOU HAD FOLLOWED MY ORDERS, NOTHING WOULD HAVE HAPPENED!

CLICK

THE MOMENT YOU SAW THAT *BLACK MOTORBOAT,* YOU SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED PROCEDURE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS, BUT...

JUST A MINUTE! *HOW* DID YOU KNOW IT WAS A BLACK MOTORBOAT?

UMM... ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU SAID?

NO, I NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ANY BLACK MOTORBOATS!

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY IT WAS A GOOD GUESS! THE BAD GUYS *ALWAYS* HAVE A BLACK MOTORBOAT!

INTERESTING, BUT I HAVE ANOTHER THEORY!

LET'S HEAR IT!

THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY HAS *SOLD HIMSELF* TO THE ORGANIZATION! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WELL, TO BE HONEST IT SOUNDS *RATHER CREDIBLE,* DOUBLEDUCK!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'RE REALLY A TRAITOR?

TECHNICALLY YES, DD! BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING! YOU HAVE NO WAY OF TELLING ANYONE WHAT YOU'VE JUST FOUND OUT!

THE ONLY RADIO CONTACT YOU HAVE IS WITH ME! SO LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE...

... TELL ME YOUR POSITION AND I'LL SEND MY *NEW FRIENDS* TO GET YOU!

I PROMISE THEY WON'T HURT YOU! NOT *MUCH*, ANYWAY... AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE SENT THEM ON A WILD WHALE CHASE!

AS THEY'RE NOT AS CLEVER AS YOU, IT'LL TAKE THEM A WHILE TO REALIZE IT'S A *TRICK!* THEY'VE UNDERESTIMATED YOU!

THE SAME *MISTAKE* THAT YOU'RE MAKING, JAY J!

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT IT'S THAT EASY TO CONVINCE DOUBLEDUCK TO *GIVE UP*, IT'S CLEAR YOU DON'T KNOW ME AT ALL!

THIS LITTLE TOY IS SUPPOSED TO GET TO THE NORTH POLE, AND TO THE NORTH POLE IT WILL GET! GOT IT?

BUT...

CLICK

AS FOR YOU, TRY AND CATCH ME IF YOU CAN! *OVER AND OUT!*

WAIT, DON'T...

BZZZZ

GOOD, I'VE *SHAKEN OFF* THE ORGANIZATION'S SHARKS AND FLUSHED OUT THE TRAITOR!

I TOLD *DAISY* THAT THESE *TRICKS* DON'T FOOL ME! NOW I ONLY HAVE ONE THING LEFT TO DO... *FIND THE WAY TO THE NORTH POLE!*

WILL DD MAKE IT TO THE POLE? DON'T MISS THE SECOND PART OF MISSION THERMIC CORE...

END OF EPISODE ONE